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9. [] Charles Snodgrass, House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee staff, called and we briefly reviewed the discussion between he and [] yesterday. Snodgrass said that the decision at this point is tentative at best and he would like to get together with [] in early September following the Far East trip.

10. [] Received a call from Peter Poole, in the office of Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.). He said they were interested in any reports out of the People's Republic of China on the congressional delegation's visit there. He indicated that for some reason they have not been receiving the [] reports and they were particularly interested in any Chinese comment on the Senator's recent visit there. I told him I would check on this and someone would be back in touch.

11. [] Talked with Les Janka, NSC staff, about the material we had pulled together which was responsive to the Sparkman/Fascell/GAO inquiries regarding the Mayaguez incident. We discussed possible responses to Chairman Sparkman and Janka suggested that in effect we send an interim reply in view of the highly sensitive security classification of the post mortem and SitReps which were involved. We could then offer to either brief the Committee in executive session or sit down with the Chairman and discuss the matter further with him. A reply along the lines suggested by Janka has been drafted and sent to the Director.

12. [] In response to his earlier call, I contacted Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee staff, to tell him we had checked our files on Agency briefings of their Subcommittee on Chile and found there were in fact two briefings in which there were transcripts and one in which there was no transcript in which Chile was mentioned. I identified the transcripts as being briefings on 2 and 3 March 1971 and 3 February 1972 and the other one, for which there was no transcript, was 1 June 1972. Preston said since the request and the Chairman's interim answer clearly relate only to transcripts, he was not interested in any others. He also indicated and I agreed that in view of the sensitivity of the material involved in some of these briefings that he intended to provide the Department of Justice with only those pages of the transcripts that dealt with testimony on Chile. He asked if we would Xerox copies of those pages and send them to him on Thursday. I said I would do so. He pointed out that the Chairman's interim answer to the Justice Department does not make a commitment to provide this material but does indicate that the Chairman will raise this matter with the Subcommittee when the Congress returns from recess in September.

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